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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur following informal consultations

Management of contingent-owned equipment arrangements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 50/222 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 54/19 A of 29 October 1999 and 54/19 B of 15 June 2000, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 55/271, paragraph 12, of 14 June 2001, 55/274 of 14 June 2001 and 56/241 of 24 December 2001,

Recalling also its decision 55/452 of 23 December 2000 to convene the post-Phase V Working Group,

Recalling further its resolution 55/274 of 14 June 2001, by which the Secretary-General was requested to convene in 2004 an open-ended working group of experts, for a period of no less than ten working days, to hold a triennial review of reimbursement rates for contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment, including medical services,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General,[1] on the processing of claims for equipment contributed and self-sustainment undertaken at peacekeeping missions, on the reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment and troop costs, on the practical aspects of wet-lease, dry-lease and self-sustainment arrangements and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] on management of contingent-owned equipment arrangements,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the management of

[1] A/C.5/56/44, A/56/939 and A/57/397.
[2] A/57/772.

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contingent-owned equipment arrangements, as contained in paragraphs 60 through 76 of its report;[2]

3. *Affirms* the importance of conducting peacekeeping operations with the maximum of efficiency and effectiveness and the need to minimize delays in processing reimbursements to troop- and equipment-contributing countries;

4. *Recognizes* the fact that delay and uncertainty in reimbursements to troop-contributing countries of troop and contingent-owned equipment costs adversely affect the ability of current and potential troop-contributing countries to participate effectively in United Nations peacekeeping operations, and in this context emphasizes the need for all Member States to pay their assessed contributions to all peacekeeping operations in full, on time and without conditions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, taking into account, inter alia, the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and based on the experiences gained so far and make suggestions for any modification to the current reporting cycle to the Working Group on Reimbursement of Contingent-owned Equipment at its forthcoming meetings, scheduled for February 2004;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, on the basis of recommendations of the Working Group, on issues that would require legislative action by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.